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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, 26TH AUGUST, 1874.

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PRICE \$2 PER MONTH.

Arrivals.

August 25, Gloucester, British bark, 326, Vincent, Sydney June 29th, Coal and General Stores.—ROZARIO & Co.
August 25, AUGUSTE LEPERLE, French steamer, 1400 t. w. Bremen, leaving 20th August, Coal.—F. DEGENHAR.
August 25, NINGPO, Brit. steamer, 761, J. M. Mayne, Shanghai August 20th, General Stores.—
August 25, SING TAI, British bark, 303, Bremen, Whampoa 21st August, Tea, 1—1 MACG. HEATON.
August 25, ALEXANDER, British ship, 1,171, Cameron, Newcastle, N.S.W., July 14th, Coal.—ODENEH.

Departures.

August 25, CELESTIAL, str., for Saigon and Singapore.
August 25, RAPID, for Chefoo.
August 25, MAID OF FARNHAM, for Foochow.
August 25, DOUGLAS, str., for East Coast.
August 25, AVONMORE, for San Francisco.
August 25, NINGPO, str., for Canton.
August 25, TANAH, str., for Yokohama.
August 25, EGYALIA, str., for Saigon.
August 25, LORD OF THE ISLES, str., for Singapore.

Clearances.

At the HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE,
AUGUST 25TH.
Regalia, str., for Saigon.
Menhiko, str., for San Francisco.

Passengers.

ARRIVED.
Per Ningpo, str., from Shanghai:—
22 Chinese.
Per Gloucester, from Sydney:—
Mr. West and 10 Chinese.
Per Alexander, from Newcastle, S.N.W.:—
64 Chinese.
TO DEPART.
Per Regalia, str., for Saigon:—
70 Chinese.

Reports.

The Swedish steamer *August Lofter* reports left Keelung on 20th August. Had heavy raining light variable winds to the 23rd; after which very weather with much rain and thick haze, and Southern winds.

The British steamer *Ningpo* reports left Shanghai on 20th August. Had light variable winds and fine bay weather to Foochow. Arrived at Foochow, and left again on the 22nd; thence to port equally weather with heavy rain and Southerly winds.

The British ship *Alexander* reports left Newcastle, N.S.W., on July 14th. Had fresh Southerly winds on leaving, then steady fresh trades to lat. 9° S.; from thence to the Equator, crossed the 2nd instant, in long. 152° E., had light winds and calms. New Island was in sight nine days; since then had light variable winds and equally weather.

Vessels Expected at Hongkong.
(Corrected to Date.)

Vessel's Name. **From.** **Date.**
Ducagon... Oard... Jan. 13
Alpinia... New York... Feb. 10
France... Paris... Feb. 13
Caledonia... London... March 3
Duke of Cambridge... Liverpool... April 8
Cleopatra... Penang... April 8
North American... Liverpool... April 20
Sir Harry Parkes... London... May 10
W. G. Platton... Cardiff... May 12
Falcon... London... May 23
Frederick Tudor... Cardiff... May 25
Engusto... Cardiff... June 2
Empress... London... June 15
Kingsford... Cardiff... June 15
Caron... Cirencester... June 15
Marina... Penang... June 18
Safiano... Penang... June 20
Lord Macaulay... Liverpool... June 23
Hornbeam... London... June 24
Canton... Falmouth... June 29
Hammond... Cardiff... June 29
Chinaman... London... July 10
Africa... New York... July 10
Fontayne... London... July 13

Auction Sales To-day.

None.

NOTICE.

NOTWITHSTANDING the Captain, Owners, nor Agents of the Porcelain Ship "Emigrant" will be responsible for any debts contracted by the Officers and Crew of the said vessel if 1042 Hongkong, 13th August, 1874.

G. O. B. G. R. S. D.D.E.
(Successor to D. V. Collins),
No. 7, BRUTON-ROAD,
247, Bruton-Street, February, 1874.

B. O. W. J. JONES & CO.,
UNDERTAKERS, &c.
Office—No. 9, HOLYWOOD ROAD.

Memorial Stones and Monuments erected
at 137 Hongkong, 1st January, 1873.
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AND STUDENTS' AND ASSISTANT,
By DAVID, with many Additions, Corrections,
and Dr. WILLIAM Orthograph.
Price in Paper Wrapping, 1/-
Neatly Bound, 2/-
Apply at the Daily Press Office.

FOOTHOW DOCK.

PAGODA ANCHORAGE.
The above Granite dock has lately
been LENGTHENED to 400 feet overall,
and the capacity for receiving vessels up to
380 feet in length, the width of the dock
at the bottom is 20 feet, the top 50 feet,
the width at the entrance is 55 feet. Depth
of water on the sill 18 feet at average neap, and
17 feet at average spring tides.

The dock has a Caisson Gate, and is pumped
out by steam.

A new FOUNDRY for large iron and brass
bells has recently been added.
The Machine Shop, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 157th, 158th, 159th, 160th, 161st, 162nd, 163rd, 164th, 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Extracts.

A LAWYER'S WILL.

The following will, in verse, was written by the late J. C. Grocott, of Liverpool:

"This is my last will and testament,
Read it according to my intent."

My gracious God to me hath giv'n
Sins of good things that under heavn' be
Are given to them who love the Lord,
And to them who do his Master's word."

I therefore give to my dear wife
All my estates, to keep for life;

Held and personal effects, rents,

Mosages, lands, and tenements;

After her death I give the whole

Unto my son and his wife,

To whom I leave "joint tenants" do

"joint tenants" "per stirps per tout."

I give all "my true estate" in fee

To Charlotte my wife and devisee,

"To hold to her and trusts the same

As long as she liveth, and after her

I give her power to convey the same

As fully as though "twere done by me."

And her decesses that from all "charges"

My wife's receipts are "good discharge."

May God Almighty bless his word."

He gave me his blessing when he died."

When down in pain they lay their head

And now, my wife, may I hope I fix

On them "my sole execute."

My trust, rest, and to the end,

My faithful partner," "crown," and friend.

In witness whereof I hereunto set

My hand and seal have set,

In presence of those whose names below

Subscribe and witness it.

ONE MAN WITH TWO SKULLS.

A stranger in Paris recently visited a shop,

where a variety of "curious" were exhibited,

and among them a number of skulls

belonging to three of various historical

notabilities. The stranger asked, "Whose

skull is in that large box on the shelf?"

"Napoleon Bonaparte's," said the shopkeeper.

The stranger paid the required fee, ex-

amined the skull, commented upon its ex-

tremendous size, and then asked, "Whose

skull is in that little box?" "That also is

Napoleon's," said the showman. "Pshaw!"

said the visitor, "Do you mean to tell me that

one man had two skulls?" "Why, certainly,"

said the Frenchman, "this large skull is

Napoleon's at the time of his death; and this

little one is his skull when he was only 15

years of age." "Sure enough!" said the

stranger; "I really did not think of that,"

and he paid the fee, and examined the little

skull too.

PERFECTION OF COLORS.

According to our new theory, then, there

are in the retina of the eye, where pictures

of external objects fall, three sets of nerves,

adapted for the production of three separate,

distinct sensations, which we call red, green,

and violet.

What owing to say cause what

one of these sets of nerves is excited

into action, the result is the corresponding

sensation; if, for example we set upon the

last set by electricity, pressure, or by the

luminous waves, the result will be the sensa-

tion of seeing violet light, even though not a

ray of light of any kind has actually reached

the eye. I think you will admit that the

theory is modestly demanding only three

sets of nerves, for in the ear, as it seems

there are three thousand nerve-fibres for the

perception of the separate notes. In the eye

it would not have been practicable to employ

a separate nerve-fibre for each different

cause for a reason which the reader manifest.

—Popular Science Monthly.

BURNING THE CANDLE OF LIFE AT BOTH ENDS.

The deadliest foe to man's longevity is an

unnatural and unreasonable excitement.

Every man is born with a certain stock of

vitality, which cannot be increased, but which

may be expended or exhausted rapidly, as he

deems best. Within certain limits he has his

choice to live abstemiously or intemately,

with stars, his imagination full of astro-

nomical analogies, and a tremendous comet

in his eye. It is therefore not to be wondered

at that he should ever strike the earth; so he

glanced elsewhere over the paper—at the

latest Congressional squall, the report of the

Weather Bureau, the dog smothering in

New York, read a personal, "Meet me to-

night, love at the old place, with a dark

lantern—Alfred," skipped. "A Horrible

Murder!" also, "A Shaking Tragedy!"

pondered on a poem on "Summer," then his

eyes closed and his head began to nod.

The comet was the first thing he saw—in

its due time—it had big as a house

and lot, and it tall seemed a torch-light

procession. It was just where he supposed

it was—directly under the Camel, Leopard.

The comet seemed to see Spriggs about the

time that Spriggs saw the comet and "made

for" him forthwith. Spriggs kept his eye

on the comet for some time. On glancing

aside he saw his dismay that the Camel

Leopard was coming for him too! This was

a stammerer. He could have dodged the comet,

perhaps—but the Camel Leopard was much

the faster. He had been reading about the

approaching comet for several days, and

studying pictorial astronomical maps, and

brightening up a good deal on heavenly mat-

ters generally, and he probably never knew

so much in his life about stars, as he did

just before slumbering. He had contemplated

going out that very night to observe the

"comet" in the sky.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

BY 1 Hongkong, 1st January, 1874.

PHENIX FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents for the above Company, are pre-

pared to grant Policies against

FIRE, to the extent of \$100,000 or any

part thereof, upon the current local rates

of premium charged for insurance.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., Agents.

ff 1133 Hongkong, 27th June, 1872.

LONDON AND LIVERPOOL SEA AND FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents for the above Company, are pre-

pared to grant Policies against

FIRE, to the extent of \$40,000 on Buildings or

Goods stored therein.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., Agents.

ff 717 Hongkong, 9th November, 1868.

LONDON AND ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE OFFICE.

137, LEADHAMS STREET, LONDON.

ESTABLISHED 1843.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents for this Office, by First

Class Steamers and Sailing Ships.

A. MOYER, Agent.

ff 1 Hongkong, 1st July, 1874.

LONDON AND PROVINCIAL MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents in Hongkong for the above Company,

are prepared to grant Marine risks at

current rates.

AUGUSTINE HEARD & CO., Agents.

ff 1 Hongkong, 1st March, 1874.

NORTH GERMAN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY AT HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents for the above Company, are pre-

pared to grant Policies against

FIRE, to the extent of \$50,000, or fractions thereof at current rates.

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

ff 674 Hongkong, 1st May, 1874.

TRANSATLANTIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF HAMBURG.

THE Undersigned having been appointed

Agents for the above Company, are pre-

pared to accept risks against FIRE, at current

rates, subject to a bonus of 50 per cent.

SIEMSEN & CO., Agents.

ff 39 Hongkong, 16th November, 1872.

QUEEN INSURANCE COMPANY.

FROM this date, until further notice, a dis-

count of Twenty per cent. (20%) upon the

current local rates of Premium will be allowed

upon Policies effected with this Company.

EDWARD NORTON & CO., Agents.

ff 1174 Hongkong, 25th June, 1872.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

GENTLEMEN at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Borneo and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance

granted at the rates of Premium current at the

above-mentioned Ports.

No charge for Policy fees.